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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 10, 2002, the period for response having been extended to February 10, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 6 and 20 as follows:

6. (Amended) An image decoding device which decodes an encoded bit stream formed by encoding images for each object, comprising:
display speed information decoding means for decoding object display speed information from said encoded bit stream, the display speed information including,